

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 352, 2/1/2017
Executive Action: HB377 & HB 157

HEARING ON HB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 352, Provide for the Montana Local Food Choice Act.

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a01\)](#)

00:01:34 Rep. Ricci joins the meeting
Rep. Olsen Joins the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:42 Jena Nash-Reno, Self

00:11:01 Quincy Orhai, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:01 Krista Lee-Evans, Montana Milk Producers

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a02\)](#)

00:22:04 Hillary Hanson, Montana Environmental Health Association

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a03\)](#)

00:25:33 Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:28:31 Laurel Riek, Lewis and Clark Public Health

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a04\)](#)

00:32:35 Sara Robbin,

00:34:42 Jeanne Rankin, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a05\)](#)

00:39:38 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a08\)](#)

00:44:49 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Health Association

00:45:37 Jim Ahrens, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a09\)](#)

00:46:01 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh32a11\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:33 Rep. Beard

00:48:10 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

00:49:13 Rep. Beard

00:49:42 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

00:50:26 Rep. Bachmeier

00:50:53 Krista Lee-Evens, Montana Milk Producers
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00:51:32 Krista Lee-Evens, Montana Milk Producers
00:51:45 Rep. Bachmeier
00:52:06 Rep. G. Hertz
00:52:35 Rep. Ricci
00:53:26 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
00:54:31 Rep. Sales
00:55:13 Rep. G. Hertz
00:56:03 Rep. Sales
00:56:23 Rep. G. Hertz
00:57:02 Rep. Harris
00:57:52 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
00:59:47 Rep. Harris
00:59:59 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:00:26 Rep. Harris
01:00:42 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:00:56 Rep. Fleming
01:01:48 Krista Lee-Evens, Montana Milk Producers
01:01:58 Rep. Fleming
01:02:29 Lorel Riek
01:01:43 Rep. Olsen joins meeting
01:03:20 Rep. McKamey
01:03:38 Rep. G. Hertz
01:04:06 Rep. McKamey
01:04:24 Rep. G. Hertz
01:04:56 Rep. McKamey
01:05:24 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:06:32 Rep. Beard
01:06:53 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:07:36 Vice Chair Staffanson
01:08:05 Rep. G. Hertz
01:08:11 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:08:47 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:09:18 Rep. Webb
01:09:42 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:10:07 Rep. Webb
01:10:11 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:10:18 Rep. Webb
01:10:25 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:10:45 Rep. Sales
01:11:22 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
01:11:44 Rep. Sales

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:05 Rep. G. Hertz

01:20:59 Chair Redfield
01:21:58 Recess
01:35:28 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377

01:35:37 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 377 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:49 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

01:36:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157

01:36:42 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 157 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:37:37 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:39:21 Rep. Olsen

01:40:11 Rep. Curdy

01:40:49 Rep. McKamey

01:41:05 Rep. Sales

01:41:31 Rep. Harris

01:42:15 Rep. Bachmeier

01:42:38 Rep. Windy Boy

01:42:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson, Rep. W. Sales and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Bennett voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:44:55

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh32aad.pdf](#))